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From the Pastor's Desk

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

CHANGES IN ATTITUDE, CHANGES IN GRATITUDE

We are about to embark into the season of gratitude. It is the time of the year when reflect on the moments and experiences which fill us with a thought of overwhelming thanks. The Visioning people, who had a chance to sit and dream, have decided to start living into our vision by kicking off the first word of “seeking” by honoring some long traditions and lifting some new ideas in our midst. The “seeking” part of living will be bookended with an All-Saints Sunday celebration.

At Holy Trinity we seek the lost, the found, the proud, the humble, the poor, the rich, the homeless, the housed, the old, the young, the one looking for a new community, the one comfortable in their community, the LGBTQ person, the straight person. We seek anyone who is willing to be a little vulnerable and join a group who desires to praise God and be in relationships with others. All of these people we see as vitally important to the whole. Therefore, we share words of gratitude as they enter into our space. It does not matter to us if they enter as official members or not. It matters that they feel welcome, safe, and valued. Members of the staff, the Homeless Talk Team, and the Property Team have redesigned the fellowship hallway to send this message to our visitors.

We seek Morning Glories (woman's group and my most favorite model of worshipping and honoring God), Five Loaves Workers (a group dedicated to feeding, fellowship, and fun as they prep, serve, and distribute- well just about everything imaginable), Worship and Music Creators (minds that discuss how we worship God on Sunday mornings), Faith Formation Explorers (people who volunteer to teach young church members on Sunday mornings, who teach middle schoolers that there is a different way to live, who teach good action over proper wording), Social Ministry Members (those of us who see the need to walk with others in times of struggle, sorrow, and disappointment).

We seek phone calls, text messages, and emails from you as you envision yourself living into the vision of Holy Trinity. Messages which sound a lot like, "how can I fit in and start living. For, we live into the seeking part of the vision by actively connecting to one another- whether the other is a member, a visitor, or someone we meet in the streets.

As we go through November and start to recognize seeking moments, we will center on our source of seeking, on a God who yearns for a relationship with us. We will continue to practice yellow prayer cards (found on the offering table and shared during worship services). We will continue participating in the "Gratitude Tree" (sharing our thanks for others to read and maybe be inspired). And, as promised we will prepare for that All Saints Sunday Celebration.

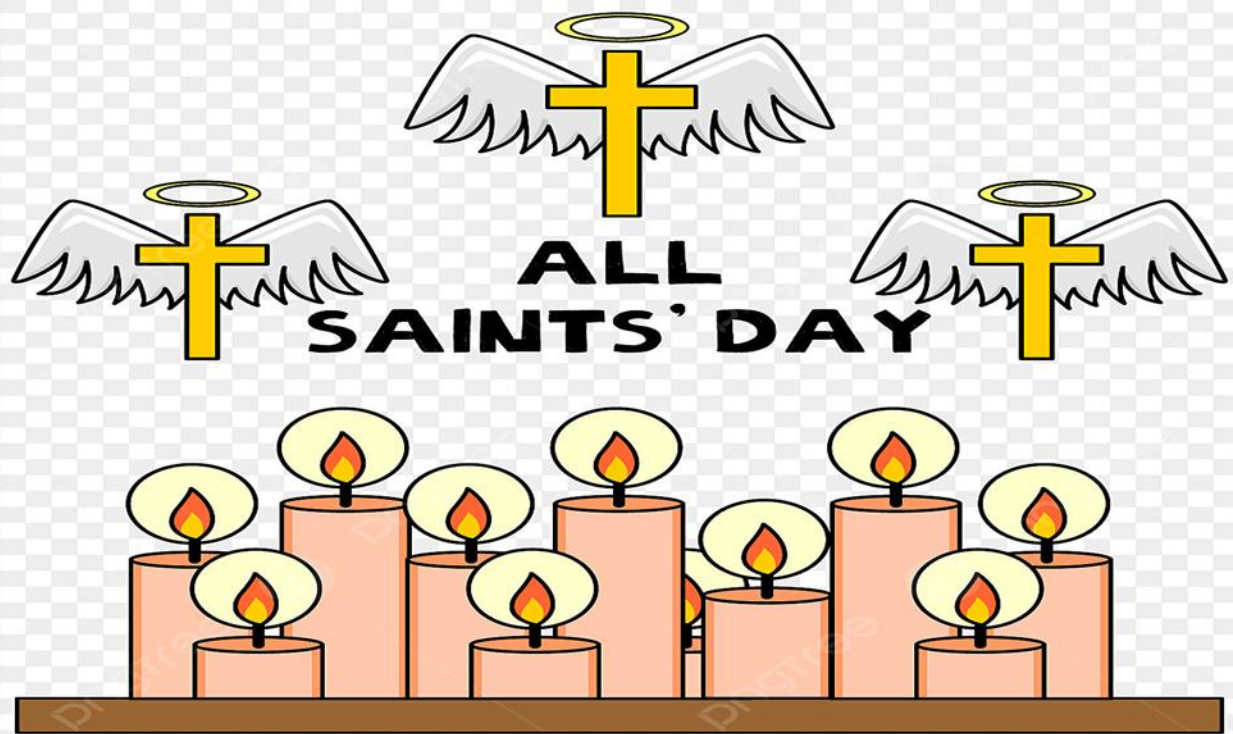
On All Saints Day,(Nov 2 nd), you are invited to bring in pictures and memorabilia of loved ones who have continued into eternal life as their true self, their soul. There will be tables lining the outside of the fellowship hall. Put your items on the table and then view the other offerings shared by our sisters and brothers. The Saints who have gone before us are the reason we gather

as a Christian Church to worship and honor. These Saints shared experiences with us as they lived. It is good and right for us to remember them, lift them, and dwell with them in a moment of memory. We are happy that they left us tradition, furniture, direction. We are most grateful for they left us a mark of love in our minds and on our hearts.

From one seeker to another,

Pr Brian

Our vision at Holy Trinity: BEING A DIFFERENCE- seeking, partnering, responding.



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Core purpose statement: "Gratefully sharing God's love through faith and service"

~The deadline for the Novembers newsletter is October 23rd~

*IF HOSPITALIZED, BE SURE TO SIGN A RELEASE CARD
AND USE OUR HOSPITAL CODE #244.*



By now you should have received your offering envelopes for November & December in the mail..
If you haven't received them, please contact Danielle in the church office. (610-264-2641)

TURNING POINT RECYCLING PROGRAM

"Please place donated cell phones in the basket on the glass table in the back of the sanctuary or in the familiar box in the hallway outside the fellowship hall. By recycling your used SMART PHONES, CELL PHONES, AND TABLETS, you are supporting a Zero Landfill program as well as supporting Turning Point."

Did you know? The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses (they don't need the cases) for areas in the world where glasses are unheard of luxury. The Lions have the glasses polished and shipped to optical missions around the world. The glasses are spread out, and the community members try on the glasses until they find a pair that helps. Can you imagine? Your used glasses can be dropped off in the box at the Whitehall Public Library, or here at Holy Trinity in the small basket in the "giving area" in the back of the sanctuary or in the basket in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE program: If you shop at Redner's please be sure to get a Save-a-Tape card at the customer service desk. (It's free!) When you make a purchase, give your card to the cashier to scan. The total points will show at the bottom of your receipt. Place your receipts in the basket in the "giving area" in the back of the sanctuary so the points can be submitted. Holy Trinity receives 1% of the purchase (excluding milk, tobacco, and tax). At \$1 for every \$100 spent, this can add up to a significant contribution toward Bear Creek camperships!

At any time, you can give donations to the **"Pastor's Discretionary Fund"**. This fund is used to give temporary financial assistance to people of our congregation and community when a sudden need arises. You may send contributions to the church or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please mark your checks or envelopes "Pastor's Discretionary Fund".



8am - Spoken Worship
9:00 - Fellowship Time
10:30 - Communion Worship



Mon through Thursday
9am to 2pm

Gardening for the month of



November 6th Clean up
CANCELED

Kitchen Angels for the *month of Novemeber*



~ Sandy & Sandi~



11/03 Karla Fryslin
11/04 Hannah Edwards
11/04 Janet Schmidt
11/06 Christy Alvord
11/06 John Marakovits
11/07 Holly Creyer
11/07 Jane Craig
11/08 Glenn Roth
11/08 Graclyn Williams
11/09 Joanne Brown
11/09 Ty Reitz
11/10 Braeden Lower
11/10 Brielle Lower
11/10 Jax Coffin
11/10/ Kate Fiorvanti
11/10 Keith Hodge
11/10 Meghann Fiorvanti
11/12/ Matthew Fiorvanti
11/13 Stacey Leonard
11/13 Kim Riedy
11/13 Lily Zimmerman
11/14 Deanna Rozsitch
11/17 Patty Fister
11/18 John Zakos
11/18 Terri Schrader
11/19 Jason Carfara
11/20 Robert Edwards
11/22 Amie Tracy
11/22 Paul Gillette
11/25 Hunter Reitz
11/27 Gail McDevitt
11/30 Timothy Varley
11/30 Lucas Ettl



To the Glory of God and in honor
of

November 2nd- ***A donation was***
made to the Pastors
discretionary fund, in lieu of
Altar Flowers

November 9th- ***To the Glory of***
God by John & Sue Marakovits

November 16th- ***In Loving***
memory of Joseph Baragone by
Sandy & Erich Svitana

November 23rd- Open



Saturday, November 14th- Karaoke/ Game night

Saturday, November 25th -Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 13th -Braised Beef in Wine Sauce

Saturday, January 24th- Joe's Famous Ham Dinner

Saturday, March 21st- Pink Pumpkins Yard Sale

Flea Market, Bake Sale, Cafe & Basket Raffle

Don't miss this annual event. November 1, 2025 from 9AM to 1PM

Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua [210 Pine Street, Catasauqua 18032](https://www.google.com/maps/place/210+Pine+Street,+Catasaqua,+PA+18032/@41.00000,-75.00000,15z).

Delicious breakfast and lunch items will be available for purchase along with plenty of desserts on the bake sale table. Come and find some treasures on our Flea Tables. You don't want to miss this event! Proceeds will be used to support Family programs in our area. Contact info: church office - 610-264-2595 or secretary@cattypresbyterian.com



Welcome New Members, Shelly Ann Burns, William Furler, & Linda McKeever.



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Oct 6, 2025

Attendees: Allen Ulrich, Keith Hodge, Pr Brian, Tom Sipos, Shelly Burns,
Prayer-

- Pointing/cracks, fellowship Hall windows. Chunks of concrete off on ramp and on steps on Pine St into narthex. Cement work anticipated fall 2025.
- Dave Spieker- to replace remaining ballast lights in basement storage room as they burn out. That room emptied out last week.
- Two lights to change in nave over pews first row.
- Social windows washed fall- no quote?
- Macadam chips in parking lot still keeping eye on them. We need to start thinking recoating parking lot. Sealcoat the parking lot to fill in cracks after winter. Do we need to add patch to Pine Street sidewalk side of lot? Keith knows seal coating company.
- Refinish floors in nave done. 2027 again.
- Inspected rain strips check in fall 2025. Stainless steel diamond plate to cover?
- Quote from Paul Wright roofing accepted. They have deposit. They will call with timeline.
- Drain cleaned Sept 24th. Next cleaning check each month.
- Lights in chancel arrived. Pat and Lester will install.
- Outside light for end of parking lot. We will pursue quotes to get this done. Call Dave Spieker or Abraham Spears. New outlets in entry way Narthex. Will ask Abraham or Pat about cost of doing that. Run conduit from ceiling down.
- Repaint outside railings in late spring. Call Jason Carfara. Repaint doors in October.
- frame marquis needs new inserts. Order and arrived. Will be installed when weather gets warmer. New set of letters ordered. Will clear 3X5 spot in grass. Weed control and then rock inside borders.
- Accessible bathroom in robing room/sacristy ----- \$56,000
New quote to upgrade fellowship bathroom-----\$15,240.00 + \$2,300 floor. \$17, 540.00. need to check if purchase of flooring is included. Add floor drain \$500.00 (\$22,540.00) This we pass to Finance Team.
We will need to find ramp and/or wheelchair lift for accessibility of upper area.
Contacted Ameriglide- they are sending us to an engineer. Water station to be mounted in kitchen next to metal refrigerator.
- Move white fridge to back room. Buy containers for condiments in metal refrigerator. No one used metal except 5 loaves Team.
- Mulch for gardens to come early spring 2026
- Waiting for direction from Christmas decorators about bringing up supplies
- Permission to move offices? Permission granted.
- Survey about removing pews.

****NEXT MEETING: Nov 3rd 1 :00. Please come and join team if able!!!!**



NEIGHBOR SUPPORTING NEIGHBOR

October has seen a whirlwind of community activity at Holy Trinity! Our "Making a Difference" float in the Catty parade highlighted the dozens of groups and businesses in Catasauqua that HT has partnered with over the past few years to be a difference in our community. We participated in Trunk-or-Treat at the Innovative Arts School. On Halloween night, gallons of cocoa and hundreds of hot dogs were given away. Snack giveaway at the Catty playground for the middle schoolers continues but is expected to slow down with this colder fall weather. God, everywhere you turn!

The Five Loaves & Two Fish Team was also back in business...and will be looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events. The Spaghetti Dinner raised \$950 for the Ripple Community. **Next up: Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 22nd from 8:30-11am.** Arrive any time during the breakfast...no tickets or reservations needed to enjoy a delicious meal! This by-donation event benefits the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, which helps meet emergency needs of our church family and Catasauqua neighbors. Talk to Janis Charvala (home phone 610-440-0073) if you'd like to be part of the volunteer crew.

And starting Sunday, November 2nd through Sunday, December 1st...our annual **Ingathering of gifts** for area service providers. The tags on the Angel Tree in the entryway represent more than just items to buy and send "somewhere". They are wished for and, sometimes, much-needed items. They are *gifts*, for *people*...For children or teens away from their homes during the Christmas season, and struggling for some control in their out-of-control lives...For men traveling the road from homelessness and often alcoholism or drug addiction to a productive life with the help of the Allentown Rescue Mission...For nearly-forgotten elderly residents of Gracedale nursing home...For the homeless served during the day by the Ripple Community and during these cold nights at the Warming Station...for the women recovering their lives at Bloom for Women, after being trafficked. *People*. That's who your Angel Tree gifts will go to. To *people*. Please take one or more tags from the Angel Tree (these are the items we have made a commitment to provide) or a wish list at the base of the tree (items needed in general by these agencies). Be sure to tighten a bulb on the tree to let your light shine! Items can be placed in the large "gift boxes" at the back of the sanctuary...**deadline to drop off items is December 1st!** If you choose a tag for an individual child at KidsPeace, please let Diane Czar or Cheryl Kneiss know - we'll get the details to you about the child's wish list as soon as we receive them. Thank you as always for your incredible generosity in supporting this Mission District-wide ministry.



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Whether you love it or hate it, football season is in full swing! So is the countdown to Christmas...and so is our ongoing SCRIP gift card fundraiser!!

In case you're a newcomer to the game, here are the rules we're playing by for SCRIP cards:

- The second Sunday of each month is the deadline for our regular monthly order. We pay \$11 shipping for each order, so we try to combine all orders into one submission each month, to maximize Holy Trinity's profits.
- The monthly order is submitted the evening of the deadline. If you give us an order after that day, it will be held until the next month's order.
- Cards are delivered to you at church the 3rd Sunday of the month. We usually receive them 3 days after we place the order, so if you need them before Sunday, we can make arrangements for earlier delivery or pick-up. If you live in Catty, we deliver the cards before Sunday.
- Some of the profits are rolled into an inventory of the most popular cards, available for immediate purchase. After Christmas, we hope to reduce our inventory so that more funds are available for faith formation-related expenditures.
- **Ya gotta shop anyway...why not give back to your church while doing your shopping, dining, home improvements, and gift-giving?** You'll spend the same amount as you would using cash or a credit card, and you'll be supporting Holy Trinity's faith formation activities and scholarship program via the rebate that the SCRIP program gives to HT for each card purchased!

So get in the game! **Think Thanksgiving and Christmas grocery shopping; Black Friday sales; Christmas gift shopping; and gift cards for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list, employees, teachers, and bosses. Next order deadlines are Sunday November 9th and December 7rd (one week early due to longer Christmas shipping times).** Why not let SCRIP save you a trip for those ever-popular gift cards on your family's Christmas wish lists?!

Maybe this will inspire us all...***The profit from the September, October, November, and December SCRIP orders will be donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund! September orders raised \$173 and October orders raised \$140 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund!!!***

Call or text Diane (610-739-6006) for card requests...or see Joe before or after 10:30am worship with orders or to purchase cards that we have in stock. IOUs are welcome! Yellow order forms are available from the rack in the back of the sanctuary, or you can see or call us to place an order. Orders can be given to Joe, or placed in the offering plate - after all, the rebates you raise are an offering to God!

Not sure if SCRIP carries your favorite gift cards? Ask us to check the website, or you can go on <https://www.raiseright.com...> click on Shop in the upper right-hand corner, then scroll down the page to see retailers by category.

LITTLE BY LITTLE, A LITTLE BECOMES A LOT



Our HT youth might be few and far between, but their commitment to caring has left a legacy that I have no doubt is pleasing to God. The last Sunday in October, **Lilah Carfara** (well-known during 10:30 worship as a communion assistant and reader) and **Kalei Hodson** (not a technical member of HT, but certainly a member of the HT family, a past participant in the 30HourFamine and a server at several HT dinners) met at Panera to *finally* finish the second half of our thank-you notes for the 2025 Junior Tea and Basket Raffle! And yes, we used a SCRIP card at Panera! Hopefully, these personalized thank-you notes are worth waiting for! And what a great couple of hours together!

Out of the \$1500 raised at this year's event, we determined that \$500 should be kept in the Youth account to continue our monthly commitment and special gifts to our sponsored child, Tsepang. Lilah and Kalei thoughtfully weighed many options on where to give the remaining \$1000 and decided to divide it evenly between the Catasauqua Food Bank (with a no-food-stamp month looming in November due to the government shutdown), The Warming Station at the Allentown Y, World Vision (to care for children), and Jake's Dragon Foundation (pediatric cancer research and financial help to families).

Don't forget to sign up or talk to Diane Czar (610-739-6006) if you would like to order **2026 wall or pocket calendars**. They're great quality, and reasonably priced at \$5 and \$9. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. This has been a youth tradition for several years, starting out as a fundraiser but quickly turning into a way to say thank you (by way of super-low prices) to a church family that so generously supports our youth each year. If we accidentally make a profit, the youth will decide who the money should go to.

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within." From Romans 12: 1-2 J.B.Phillips New Testament



Trinity Morning Glories

We are a daytime women's group here at Holy Trinity. Our focus is on the spiritual and service to others. Along the way, we share food, work, laugh, chat and pray together! Please join us!

Note: Our meetings will always be the 3rd Monday at 10:00 (exception: Dec. will be the 2nd Monday).

The October 20, 2025 meeting was led by **Sue Marakovits**, with 34 members in attendance. We welcomed a new Morning Glory, **Janice Unangst** and our speakers: **Melissa** and **Karen** from S.O.A.R.

We all enjoyed tantalizing homemade soups, homemade breads and delectable desserts for lunch!

Opening Song: Good Morning, Lord – Played by **Betty Henderschedt**

Devotions: **Sandi Smith** delivered our devotions which were centered around Matthew 10:31 – “You are more valuable than sparrows.” Everyone has their own special talent and God has a purpose for us all. Sandi gave the example that the four fingers on our hand need the thumb to hold and grasp an object and we need both hands to clap to show our appreciation. This ties into our Morning Glories group..we all have different talents but together we do wonderful, valuable services for our church and community.

Today's Speakers were **Karen** and **Melissa** from S.O.A.R which stands for Starting Over Animal Rescue, a small non-profit organization helping cats and dogs find their forever homes. They explained how they help on average over 500 cats and dogs a year. These cats can be TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) stray cats, feral cats, cats transferred from the South and even exotic cats from Kuwait. They are all foster-based and live in private homes until adopted. You can find these cats on their website (www.StartingOverAnimalRescue.org) or on Facebook, Petco and the Coal Cats Café in Tamaqua, PA. There is an application that must be completed and if approved a \$150.00 fee is charged but that includes the neutering, vaccinations, feline leukemia testing, dental, if necessary, and any special surgeries. If you are thinking about adopting a pet or would like to be a foster parent to one of these precious animals give them a call....570-386-9241.

New Business/Old Business:

Birthdays: October 14 – **Joan Herman**, 19 – **Michelle Kasunic**, 28 - **Sandy Svitana**

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Alzheimer's Association's **Kristina Fransel**, Executive Director of the Delaware Valley Chapter. A check for \$2,877 from our recent mystery dinner theater was sent to them.

Ongoing: Check out our creative Morning Glories' Bulletin Board.

Turning Point used cell phone collection: 1 tablet, 1 game console, 7 cell phones and 1 digital camera were donated so **Linda Wiland** can turn in to Turning Point.



Thinking of You Card Ministry: Once again our tables were filled with Thinking of You cards to sign. Thank you **Sandi Smith, Diane Jones and Trevor Smith.**

2026 Murder Mystery Dinner Theater – Without A Cue Productions has changed their booking policy. We will have to wait until February 2026 to pick a 2026 play.

Holiday Hope Chest Boxes – **Janis** told us we are again assigned 9 – 12 year old girls/boys boxes and ages 13+ either \$15, \$20 or \$25 gift cards (no restaurant cards). A sign-up sheet was passed around with these results: 15 boxes for 9 to 12 year old girls, 10 boxes for 9 to 12 year old boys, 4 - \$15 gift cards, and 32 - \$25 gift cards. Anyone not at the meeting should call **Janis** (610 440-0073) to sign-up, since she has to register what we're donating. The boxes and gift cards will be collected at our November meeting; **Diane** and **Tom Lindeman** will again deliver them to the Volunteer Center of America the week after Thanksgiving.

Morning Glories Storage Area: All the Morning Glories supplies will now be stored in the Music Room which is behind the door to the left of the nave in the church.

Gift Bags for Needy Guests: At our November meeting, we will discuss making "gift" bags for this ministry after the holidays.

Christmas Gifts for a HT Family: At our November meeting, we will discuss giving a Visa Gift Card to the grandmother who is taking care of her ill daughter and her daughter's family to help make the holidays a special time for them.

December's Holiday MG Meeting: Our Christmas elves ask us to start thinking about a no longer wanted item to "regift" for our Christmas party festivities; they suggest that since we aren't buying a \$10 gift as usual to consider donating that amount to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund at the meeting. **Everyone is to wear RED at our December meeting!**

October Note Taker: Thank you to **Diane Lindeman** for taking our notes this month.

Collection: A generous amount of cat and dog food for S.O.A.R and \$200 in gift cards and monetary.

Distribution of Offering: Our collection this month was \$326.00 plus \$103.85 that was carried over. 2- \$25.00 Walmart gift cards will be sent to Cay Galgon, \$150 to the Friends of the Library and \$229.00 was given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Special thanks to this month's kitchen clean-up volunteers.

Closing Song: Edelweiss

Since Sept. 2008, **\$94,290.74** has been donated to special causes; this does not include all the non-monetary donations that have been made over the past 17 years.

Future Dates:

November 17, 2025

Devotions: **Barb Fister**

Speaker: Cops N'kids – **Beverly Bradley**

Pastor Brian – Point person

Collection: Children's Books

Return Holiday Hope Chest Donations

Food: Breakfast Casserole/**Cheryl Kneiss**; French Toast Bake/**Rena Bond**

Quiche/**Peggy Wertele**; Spinach Casserole/**Linda Feters**; Sausage Links/**Mary Ann Gibbons**

Fresh Fruit Tray/**Pat Fried**; Apple Crunch Dessert/**Linda Ettl**; Dessert/**Janice Unangst**

Juices/**Paula Kessack**

Kitchen Clean-up: **Pat Fried/Judy Connelly**

December 8, 2025

Devotions: **Diane Czar**

Service Project: Pajamas Program - New PJ's and Books

Christmas Buffett Luncheon:

Hawaiian Meatballs/**Pat Fried**; Shells/**Lois McAllister**

Rolls & Butter/**Linda Schatz**

Salads: Spinach & Strawberry Salad/**Cheryl Kneiss**

Broccoli Salad/**Sue Stahler**; Bean Salad/**Linda Wiland**; Green Salad/**Peggy Wertele**

Dessert: Cupcakes/**Dawn Bowles**; Banana Cake/**Linda Ettl**; Drinks/**Barb Roth**

Christmas Fun: 4 Elves

Deb Daddonna, Paula Kesack, Deb Frey, Sue Smale

A wrapped item for our Regifting Gift Exchange

Kitchen Clean-up: **Linda Feters/Mary Ann Gibbons**

January 19, 2026

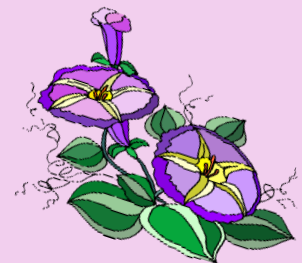
Devotions: **Debbie Fry**

Speaker: ALS – Point Person: **Mary Ann Gibbons**

Collection: White Socks: **Linda Wiland** – Point Person

Food: Pizza Party

Kitchen Clean-up: _____





Treasurer's Report

Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church - Catasauqua PA Treasurer's Report as of September 2025 (Newsletter)

Monday, October 20, 2025

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD
Income					
4.200.100	Plate Offering (Budgeted Income)	32,794.30	23,626.00	134,772.15	184,278.00
4.200.110	Thrivent Deposits	0.00		1,417.00	
4.400.100	Capital Campaign Income	235.00		4,024.00	
4.700.000	Benevolence	150.00		1,800.00	
4.800.000	Holidays	0.00		4,880.00	
4.810.000	Wish List Income	0.00		0.00	
4.900.170	World Hunger	20.00		40.00	
4.900.180	Flowers	(15.00)		159.00	
4.905.000	Interest Income	0.87		36.23	
Total Income		\$33,185.17	\$23,626.00	\$147,128.38	\$184,278.00
Expenses Total Pastor					
5.100.110	Pastor's Salary	3,333.34	3,333.00	30,000.06*	29,997.00
5.100.300	Supply Pastor's	0.00	21.00	0.00	189.00
5.100.400	Pastor's Social Security Allowance	447.06	446.00	4,013.57	4,014.00
5.100.500	Health, Disability, Pension Benefit	4,135.36	4,450.00	37,218.24	40,050.00
5.100.600	Continuing Education	0.00	17.00	35.00	153.00
5.100.700	Housing	2,500.00	2,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00
Total Pastor		\$10,415.76	\$10,767.00	\$93,766.87	\$96,903.00
5.200.100	Car Allowance (Pastor)	0.00	67.00	0.00	603.00
5.200.200	Church and Office Expense	1,021.55	500.00	4,818.40*	4,500.00
5.200.300	Service Contracts	187.29	333.00	3,174.34*	2,997.00
5.200.400	Secretary Salary	1,268.76	1,269.00	11,418.83	11,421.00
5.200.450	Bookkeeper Salary	736.66	737.00	6,629.88	6,633.00
5.200.500	Secretary Social Security	97.06	97.00	873.53*	873.00
5.200.550	Bookkeeper Social Security	56.36	56.00	507.20*	504.00
5.200.600	Synod Assembly/Committee Development	0.00	42.00	400.00*	378.00
5.200.700	Payroll Services	153.50	150.00	1,567.98*	1,350.00
5.300.100	Cleaning Service	559.00	558.00	5,031.00*	5,022.00
5.300.200	Lawn and Snow Maintenance	380.00	292.00	2,756.00*	2,628.00
5.300.300	Cleaning Supplies	0.00	58.00	767.76*	522.00
5.300.400	Maintenance	109.76	542.00	6,406.12*	4,878.00
5.300.501	PPL	724.28	450.00	5,431.79*	4,050.00
5.300.502	UGI	43.90	463.00	5,522.38*	4,167.00
5.300.503	Water/Sewer Bill	0.00	133.00	504.98	1,197.00
5.300.504	Garbage Bill	0.00	42.00	585.00*	378.00
5.300.505	RCN	159.16	163.00	1,412.64	1,467.00

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5.300.600	Insurance (Multi-peril & Workman's Comp)	2,804.25	725.00	7,893.25*	6,525.00
5.400.100	Church Musicians Salary	1,083.34	1,083.00	9,750.06*	9,747.00
5.400.200	Church Musicians Social Security	82.87	83.00	745.88	747.00
5.400.300	Supply Organists/Instruments	0.00	42.00	0.00	378.00
5.400.400	Music and Supplies	0.00	21.00	69.20	189.00
5.400.500	Instrument Maintenance	0.00	50.00	0.00	450.00
5.500.100	NEP Synod and ELCA	0.00	900.00	7,200.00	8,100.00
5.600.000	Miscellaneous	0.00	8.00	0.00	72.00
Total Expenses		\$19,883.50	\$19,631.00	\$177,233.09*	\$176,679.00
Difference		\$13,301.67	\$3,995.00	(\$30,104.71)	\$7,599.00

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date



MUSIC IN THE CHURCH SERVICE



Have you ever wondered why on earth we are singing a particular hymn on Sunday mornings?

Believe it or not, the hymns that we sing are sung prayers; each hymn has an important message.

The hymns are carefully chosen to coincide with the readings for any particular Sunday. Sometimes, there are direct scriptural quotes in the versed. Other times, a word or phrase may remind us about the words from the Scripture. Hymns are chosen mainly for words and not the music, although the music certainly embellishes the message of the hymn. Pay attention to the hymns; there is more there than meets eye or ear, and remember: "He (She) who sings, prays twice"!



Food list for our homeless guests

All cans must have pull tabs

All “add water” items should be in self-serving cup

Chef BoyRDee

Instant coffee

SOFT protein or breakfast bars (no crunchy/chewy)

Individual cereal cups

Canned corn (pull tab or individual cups)

Tuna pouches

Peanut butter

Crackers

Cup O Noodles (not Ramen)

Pop tarts

THANK YOU!

Items can be placed in the wagon in the back of the sanctuary, or on the food shelf in the hallway outside the fellowship hall.

Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, November 22, 2025
8:30 am to 11 am**

***Holy Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church 4th & Pine Sts.
Catasauqua, PA***



By Donation!

**Buttermilk or Pumpkin Pancakes
Sausage Links**

**Baked Goods also available!
(Think Thanksgiving)**

Proceeds to benefit: Pastor's Discretionary Fund

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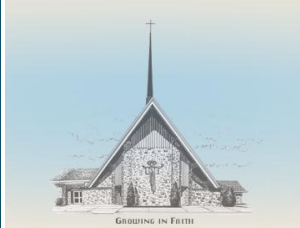
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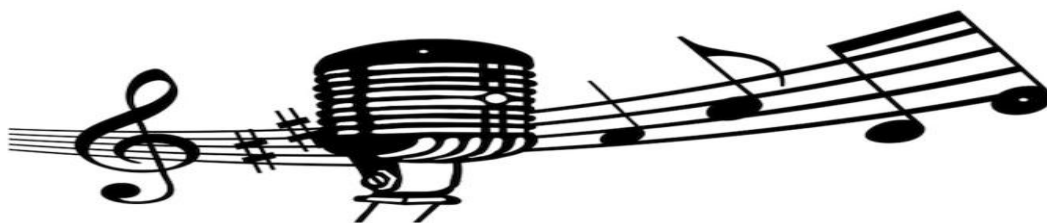
The 20th Annual Victorian Raffle at Holy Trinity was VERY successful. We finally made over \$5,000!!! (\$5,002 to be exact) What an outstanding array of baskets and gift cards we had to offer! A special Thank You to all Holy Trinity members who contributed items for the raffle!! All proceeds will be given to Catasauqua Community Cares (CP3) which is dedicated to supporting Catasauqua School District families by providing essential resources like food, winter coats, and school supplies. Their goal is to ensure every child has what they need to learn, engage, and thrive in a nurturing environment. In the 2024/2025 school year alone, they served 132 students a weekend bag with breakfast and lunch items. They believe that when basic needs are met, students are empowered to success.





The 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Team's recent Spaghetti Dinner was very successful. We will be sending \$950 to Ripple Community, Inc. in Allentown. Our Dessert Bar overflowed with delicious, homemade goodies arranged by Jen Carfara. We had many volunteers cooking, checking in reservations, hosting and serving the delicious Spaghetti Dinner. We welcomed 5 scouts and 2 leaders from Scout Troop #94 as part of our serving crew.





Karaoke/Game Night
Friday, November 14th
5pm – 9pm

*Food, Games, Karaoke, Music, Puzzles,
Fun~ Fun~ Fun*

